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Phivolcs says RP doomsday e-mail bogus

By Joseph R. Uy

JULY 18 IS NOT DOOMSDAY FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) has dismissed as bogus an e-mail warning of an 8.1-magnitude earthquake that would

PHIVOLCS

What's a pescatarian? See Merriam-Webster

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT—IS IT acceptable to serve steaks to a dinner guest who is a pescatarian?

Should you pour prosecco or solo for the winner of the Texas Hold 'em poker game you're planning near the infinity pool? And what's that wing nut in the corner saying?

WHAT'S AT

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

BALANCED NEWS



PARADISE FOUND A woman walks along the pristine shores of Cressa de Galis, a kidney-shaped inlet near Sibuyan Island, described by one blogger as a veritable paradise—dazzling white sand beach, coral reefs and vibrant rock formations. The inlet started gaining media attention following the June 21 sinking of the MV Princess of the Stars in Romblon waters.

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CBCP urges VAT review

Bishops also want oil deregulation law reassessed

By Kristine L. Alava

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES (CBCP) yesterday urged the government to review the 12-percent expanded value-added tax (VAT) and oil deregulation, saying these add to the burdens of the poor already groaning from soaring prices of goods and services.

The CBCP made the call in a day after its two-day plenary assembly ended.

The bishops led by the CBCP president, Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, said it was high time that the government reconsidered its economic policies that affect prices.

[The inflation rate rose 13.4 percent in June from a year ago,

the highest in 14 years. The price of rice alone jumped 43 percent, while that of food in general rose 17.4 percent. Real accounts for 60 percent of a poor family's consumption, according to economists.]

"We are in favor for an economic review especially those pertaining to the rise in prices

CBCP URGES



CBCP president and Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo (center) urge the government to review VAT and oil laws on Monday. With him are Bishop Eleuterio Padilla (left) and Archbishop Antonio Ledesma (right).

Sulpicio cries bias, seeks stop to hearing

By Althea M. Lopez

SULPICIO LINGS INC. YESTERDAY asked the Manila Regional Trial Court to stop the Board of Marine Inquiry (BMI) from pursuing its investigation of the sinking of the ill-fated MV Princess of the Stars for alleged "lack of seafarer and boat."

Sulpicio Lings filed a prohibition injunction case with an urgent prayer for temporary restraining order, saying that the Maritime Industry Authority (Maritime) was the rightful body to conduct the inquiry into the June 21 incident.

A P550,000 damage suit, which was raffled off to RTC Branch 24, was also filed against respondents BMI chair Peter Alos, Bureau (Living, retired) Chief Engineer Rodolfo Baldeiro, retired Chief Engineer

SULPICIO



Chess boxing: It's a brutal test of brains, brawn

BERLIN—RARELY DO brains and brawn come together in this way.

A festival was crowned with challenges on Sunday in the novelty sport of chess boxing that requires equal skill at moving pieces and throwing punches.

CHASS

'Series of ghastly mistakes' led to sinking

By Christian V. Espinoza and Norman Bonifacio

INADEQUATE DATA GATHERING, systemic errors that allowed the weather office to issue storm warnings only after every six hours and "business errors" by the Philippine Coast Guard

PCGG doomed the MV Princess of the Stars, a House inquiry was told yesterday.

At the opening of the investigation of the June 21 sinking of the ferry owned by Sulpicio Lines, Attygen Rep. Rios (D-Cebu) denounced the piecemeal responses of three PCG of

Scale for allegedly violating PCG policies.

They were PCG chief Vice Adm. Wilfredo Tamayo, National Capital Region chief Luis Tansen Jr. and Manila Station chief Erwin Delgado. Tansen and Delgado had earlier been relieved.

"Sulpicio Lines carried its

passengers to their death, but the PCG also made horrendous errors and violations of its policies," Riosbore said. "The sinking of MV Princess of the Stars was a horrible end to a series of ghastly mistakes."

The 23,880-ton ferry, carrying

SEVEN

Asean science meet goes green; GMA shows up in piña dress

By Christine O. Arellano

GREEN HARBOR TOOK center stage as an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) gathering yesterday with President Macapagal-Arroyo and science ministers from

the 10-nation bloc wearing outfits created from indigenous materials.

The President proudly displayed an "eco-friendly" cone-and-dress ensemble when she spoke at the 6th Asean Science and Technology Week and 5th

anniversary celebrations of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) at the World Trade Center in Pasig City.

Ms. Arroyo wore an old reemulated dress made from piña



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo, wearing a \$1,800 "eco-friendly" dress, smiles as she enters the World Trade Center on Monday. With her are Science Secretary Estrella Aldecoa, CICT Chair Rey Chua and Science Undersecretary Fortunato de la Peña.

PHOTO: PHILIPPINE

Inquiry into RP diplomats' maids sought

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Christine O. Arellano

AN OPPOSITION SENATOR yesterday called for an inquiry into the working conditions of the household staff of Philippine diplomats abroad after a

maid alleged shabby treatment while working with the family of a former top ambassador.

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada made the proposal even as he came to the defense of the Philippines' former chief envoy to the United Nations, retired

Ambassador Laura Beja Jr. Marilou Suarez Rosales, a Filipino nursing graduate who had worked as a maid for the Beja family in New York in 2006, has filed a complaint with a US court against the family, alleging trafficking, forced labor,

passport and kidnapping. Beja said the accusations were a complete falsehood and his wife, Norma, said the family had asked a US-based lawyer to file for damages against Rosales.

INQUIRY

'GMA hold on funds, spending habits dangerous'

By Michelle Y. Reyes

THE NATIONAL TRIASSIC during the fourth administration. But he warned about the President's "misguided economic policy" aimed at the creation of budget and last spending habits that would "only be party money."

"The President has a lot of power over the national budget, but there is nothing wrong with that if we are a money-wiser a dictatorship, but we are not. We are a democracy," said former National Treasurer Lito Tanada at a symposium yesterday at the University of Asia and the Pacific in the North, "Fiscal Policy: Political Economy." One Day Forward, Two Steps Back."

Tanada said that although Congress had the right to make appropriations in the annual budget proposed by Malolos, it was actually the President that decided the amount. When Congress is passed, however, Tanada said that the President has the right to decide on how to allocate the budget proposed by the executive branch. Tanada said that was actually done in close coordination with the President.

The former treasurer also said the President was known to use blank checks when visiting the rural areas. His party came to the province, especially mayors and governors, would be asked about the financial needs of their localities. They would then be allegedly handed checks for amounts decided by the President.

"This is very dangerous to the government's cash position. I'm glad I am no longer the treasurer of the Philippines," Tanada said.

Not even in Marcos' time

Tanada, now a professor in the Social Science Department of the University of the Philippines and a member of the end-user group Social Watch of the Philippines, said such expenses could have been higher budget deficit and government debt.

"Such a practice was not done during the Marcos regime," she said.

Tanada said what made the problem worse were laws in the Administrative Code. The law does not allow legislators to approve a budget higher than that proposed by Malolos.

Congress can only vote the budget, she said.

"It gives little flexibility to lawmakers who may want the government to spend more on the development of their localities through the grant of interest-free loans and other development funds."

Bleeding people

Tanada said the way not allowing Congress to give a bigger say on the budget, but for there to be a balance of power between the executive and the legislative branches of government.

Questionable spending habits by the President, she said, were a manifestation of the law and its effect in money-political economy. Clearly, Tanada added, the

present government had no gains over the previous system and the corruption that continues to blight the image of the Philippines.

A weak political economy had been cited as a reason the country has lagged behind its neighbors in terms of development.

Tanada and other speakers at yesterday's symposium were discussing there was a need to sustain where in government.

Patronage system

Jose Manzano, national secretary under President Fidel V. Ramos, said the present system of government was influenced by oligarchy. Because candidates were dependent on oligarchs for their campaign funds, they do not have the interest of the majority at heart.

once they are in public office. "The patronage system can push the would-be president to make all sorts of shady deals to obtain 'nominal' votes that only lead to waste and ineffectiveness," he said.

Former Sen. Rene Sagun, secretary general of the United Democrats Opposition (UDO) that fought against the martial law rule of Ferdinand Marcos, said the slow development of the Philippines was partly due to being policies implemented to the detriment of the development of the country.

Patronage system

Sagun said he was against calls for the extension of the local autonomy program. To be more effective in helping the country's economy, he said the government should focus on developing industries.



Dawn impressed with non-surgical light treatment that can visibly rejuvenate skin after 30 minutes!

Actress Dawn Zulueta is an ardent fan of IPL, the non-surgical photorejuvenation treatment at Facial Care Centre. "One of my problems has always been the eruption of acne, which causes my blemishes," she recalls. "Since my skin is oily, I became prone to it. When I started doing IPL, I noticed that my pores got smaller and I stopped getting breakouts as early as the 3rd treatment! Over time, my skin was looking clearer and complexion was so much better. Before, I couldn't leave the house without putting on some concealer on my blemishes. Now, I can go out with my sunblock. I'm confident enough to do without make-up because my skin is clear and even."

What is IPL?

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What can IPL treat?

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What results can be expected from IPL?

Aside from clearing up the dark spots and blemishes, IPL gives skin a flawless complexion even without make-up. Pores are refined, giving the skin a smoother texture. Dawn happily claims she can confidently go out with only sunblock on her face because of her regular IPL treatments. Immediately after an IPL treatment, clients often say they get compliments for having a noticeably healthy, pinkish glow on their skin.

How long before I can see these results?

Visible results are noticeably noticed upon the first treatment of IPL. Pores are tightened, and the skin appears to have a more even complexion. Over time, one can see these improvements in their skin's appearance and texture as dark spots, blemishes, freckles, spider veins and other skin flaws are diminished. Dawn noticed the significant reduction of oil and breakouts on her 3rd treatment of IPL, and continued to see her complexion in full complexion after regular IPL treatments.



Using an IPL treatment

How will I feel during the treatment?

The treatment is painless, as it only uses a broad spectrum of light over the areas to be treated. It only takes approximately 30 minutes, and has no downtime. In fact, one can go on their regular activities right after an IPL treatment. It's that quick and easy!

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Senators' advice to GMA: Cut revenue targets, spend more to help poor

By Gil C. Cabasag Jr.

SENATORS' ADVISE President Macapagal-Arroyo to change her budget strategy to achieve additional targets and allowing for more deficit spending to help meet the goal of making the Philippines a middle-income country by 2015.

"Those who do not change their minds despite the big change in the situation are called fools," it is often said.

Sen. Francis Pangalos, co-chaired with Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, said it would be foolishly to stick to a zero budget deficit target this year when the economy is in a recession.

Enrile said the 2008 GMA and Appropriation Act passed

the year at 42 in the dollar, while it is between 80 and 170 per cent and inflation rate is single-digit level.

"They should increase and re-allocate this 2008 year for planning and program purposes for the remainder of the year," he said.

Senate Minority Leader Aquino (P) and Sen. "Tito" Sotto (P) were also critical of President Arroyo's request to suspend the value-added tax on oil.

"To make up for lower collections from the suspended VAT on oil, President said the government should seek raising 'w/budget expenses' and show down on 'unnecessary projects'.

Sen. Jose J. Rodriguez, an economic adviser to the President, contended that there was a need to rethink the government's fiscal strategy because global economic conditions had changed a

great deal and "fiscal deficit became a must."

"Without, in the minimum, the budget does not reflect the 'no-tax'.

But Rodriguez suggested other ways to increase revenue instead of lifting the VAT.

He said the government should review its balanced budget doctrine by allowing for state bankruptcy in the event of a crisis.

"Simplifying the status quo is greatly incentive, more negligence, imposition, imposed only by the caprice of the President of the State, but we should not do what we have achieved by lifting the oil VAT. This is why the President approved an economic stimulus program, but we should not do that," he said.

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Pedophiles woo moms to get to kids, warns BI

By Margaree C. Ordo

WOMEN: THE MOTHER AND CHILD

This is the new modus operandi of pedophiles who have been targeting mothers and kids, including the Philippines, for their operations, according to the Bureau of Investigation.

"The child molestator used to meet the mother, rather than the grandmother, possible victim and make them their girlfriends," said Margaree Ordo, a columnist.

Because of getting the women to be the pedophiles' new friends and their mothers, not knowing that the mothers would later pressure on their young daughters or sons.

Litman said the British government had earlier this year asked the BI for assistance in apprehending pedophiles possibly kidnapping in the country.

The United Kingdom alone has 20,000 recorded criminal pedophiles, the British said.

Five suspected pedophiles of British nationality had been the focus of an intensive hunt last month in this country, Litman said.

Litman identified the Britons as Chris McCull, Barry Hamilton Edwards, John Douglas, Desmond Graham Kelly and Paul Francis Webb.

"All five suspects are wanted for sexual abuse and molesting children," he said in a statement.

Litman also asked the police

to help the Bureau of Investigation. He said information could tell the Bureau's 24-hour hot line 1441199 (for Metro Manila) and toll-free 1-800-100-6339 or 24-hour 1-800-100-6339.

"I have already issued a notice order for their arrest," Litman said, adding that the suspects were all believed to be living in the province.

The BI also released earlier reports of an extradition treaty being forged between the Philippines and Britain. He said the treaty would boost efforts at housing and apprehending pedophiles.

It records showed the location had arrested and deported five suspected foreign pedophiles since last year.

One of the suspected men of London, Frederick Episcopo and Reynolds Taylor, were United States nationals wanted for molesting children in their country.

Manuela Suzuki, a Japanese national, was apprehended by BI operatives for operating a nightclub in Cebu, Manila, where young Filipino girls employed as guest relations officers were allegedly forced into prostitution.

Another suspected Japanese pedophile, Fukuroku Morimoto, was deported in January of last year after being caught for raping an eight-month-old girl in Pangasinan City more than six years ago.

The nation also deported Rudolf Stoklas, a suspected German pedophile, for sexually molesting his adopted daughter.

Charges OK'd vs textbook critic

By Marko Ramos

THE SENATE OK'D THE CHARGES AGAINST THE CRITIC OF THE NEW TEXTBOOKS, a Senate City Committee has recommended the filing of a criminal case against Antonio Caligosa for the light offense of libel, after he allegedly disseminated rumors from the public or of someone that he had conspired in creating the new textbooks.

On June 24, 2008, the Senate Publishing House, Inc. (SPHI) filed a criminal case against Caligosa for light offense and a civil suit

seeking P150 million in damages for allegedly damaging its "good name and reputation."

The criminal case was dismissed on Sept. 20, 2007, but SPHI immediately filed a case for libel against Caligosa. The case, however, was dismissed on Sept. 20, 2007, because of the light offense of libel.

"Then, as the release of light offense in defined in Article 25 of the Revised Penal Code were duly considered, the matter for prosecution is hereby granted and

the filing of the criminal case against Caligosa is hereby recommended," the court said.

In the past year, Caligosa, who is a former teacher, academic adviser at Ateneo de Manila University, had not returned to the country since he was expelled from the country in 1998.

The case, filed on June 24, 2008, accused Caligosa of libel, as he is, according to the court, the author of the book that the court said had caused Caligosa to be expelled from the country.

Peeved Villar settles Senate witness' food tab

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PEEVED UP WITH THE QUESTIONING in the upper chamber over who should pay for the expenses of his witnesses, Senate President Manny Villar

asked the Senate to pay for the expenses of his witnesses. Villar said he was willing to do it himself, but he was not willing to do it for the Senate.

"I think these things should not have been allowed to go on to the Senate," Villar said.

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- Salary-P25,196.00, RATA-P7,300.00, PERA-P500.00, ACA-P1,500.00

5. Vocational School Administrator (VSA) II, Jacobo Z. Gonzales Memorial School Arts & Trades (JZGMSAT), TESDA Region IX-A, Wangan National Agricultural School (WNAS), TESDA Region X

- Bachelor's Degree relevant to the job
- 3 years of supervisory/administrative experience
- 16 hours of relevant training
- Career Service Professional/Second Level eligibility, LET eligibility/RA 1080
- Salary-P24,224.00, RATA-P7,300.00, PERA-P500.00, ACA-P1,500.00

6. Vocational School Administrator (VSA) I, Gonzalo Puyat School of Arts & Trades, TESDA Region III, Benito Serrano Technological Institute (BPTI), TESDA Region IX-A

- Bachelor's Degree relevant to the job
- 3 years of supervisory/administrative experience
- 16 hours of relevant training
- Career Service Professional/Second Level eligibility, LET eligibility/RA 1080
- Salary-P23,364.00, RATA-P7,300.00, PERA-P500.00, ACA-P1,500.00

7. Chief TESD Specialist (4-TESDA Central Office; 1-RTC Batangas, TESDA Region IX-A, 1-TESDA Region VII)

- Master's Degree
- 4 years experience in positions involving management and supervision
- 24 hours relevant training in management and supervision
- Career Service Professional/Second Level eligibility
- Salary-P25,196.00, RATA-P7,300.00, PERA-P500.00, ACA-P1,500.00

8. Chief Accountant (TESDA Central Office)

- Bachelor's degree in Commerce/Business Administration major in Accounting
- 4 years in positions involving management and supervision
- 24 hours relevant training in management and supervision
- RA1080 (Certified Public Accountant)
- Salary-P25,196.00, RATA-P7,300.00, PERA-P500.00, ACA-P1,500.00

9. Supervising TESD Specialist (8-TESDA Central Office; 21-Regional Offices)

- Bachelor's Degree relevant to the job
- 3 years of supervisory experience
- 16 hours relevant training
- Career Service Professional/Second Level eligibility
- Salary-P23,294.00, PERA-P500.00, ACA-P1,500.00

10. Senior TESD Specialist (21-TESDA Central Office; 29-Regional Offices)

- Bachelor's Degree relevant to the job
- 2 years of relevant experience
- 16 hours relevant training, Career Service Professional/Second Level eligibility
- Salary-P20,376.00, PERA-P500.00, ACA-P1,500.00

11. TESD Specialist II (14-TESDA Central Office; 39-Regional Offices)

- Bachelor's Degree relevant to the job
- 1 year of relevant experience
- 8 hours of relevant training
- Career Service Professional/Second Level eligibility
- Salary-P17,049.00, PERA-P500.00, ACA-P1,500.00

12. TESD Specialist I (3-TESDA Central Office; 15-Regional Offices)

- Bachelor's Degree relevant to the job
- Experience-not required
- Training, none required
- Career Service Professional/Second Level eligibility
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Armed Forces begins probe of Peninsula caper

By Helen Chan

THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS BEGUN the pretrial investigation of the culpability of Army Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim and 10 junior military officers in the takeover of the Peninsula Manila hotel seven months ago in an attempt to overthrow the government.

Lim, headhunted commander of the elite Scout Rangers, had joined Gen. Antonio Tullano, Jr., a former justice national officer, in the revolt.

If the Judge Advocate General's Office (JAGOC) finds probable cause, Lim

and other military personnel may charge Lim and the 10 officers with violation of various Articles of War—including those on desertion, disrespect to the President, and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Among the junior officers involved in the Peninsula takeover on Nov. 28, 2005, were Lieutenant Colonel Guido Janno Lirio, Eugene Louis Coronado, Andy Terasio and Manuel Calatagan, LTC. Arturo Pacion, and Biagio Alamed. Penabaz, all from the First; Capt. Gary Robison and 2nd Lt. Joseph Sempit from the Western, and

Capt. Benjamin Delmas Jr. and 1st Lt. Willy Mena from the 82d Para.

Tullano, now a prisoner, was not included in the charge sheet.

Lim is facing a separate court-martial for his alleged involvement in a failed coup attempt in February 2006.

Earlier, some of the rebel officers pleaded "guilty" to military officers in connection with the 2000 Ombudsman meeting in Makati City. Calling themselves the "Magblat" group, they had called on President Macapagal-Arroyo to step down.

This was an apparent plot to begin a

gun showdown with the government and an indication of the showdown from the left. But the 10th and the Magblat officers had not yet been discharged when they pled guilty because the deal had yet to be approved by the Senate.

Abad said the Magblat officers were still considered as being in active duty, thus enabling the military to pursue the new cases against them.

To have an end to the Peninsula Manila standoff, conditioned police and military forces had resumed an informal personal contact through the hotel's main entrance and lobby.

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Pastors, Manila solon file charges vs magazine, tabloid publishers

By Allan W. Lopez

IF PUBLISHERS AND EDITORS of news, entertainment and tabloid magazines were charged sometime with grave scandal and obscene publications in the Manila City Prosecutor's Office for the allegedly pornographic content of their publications.

Issued subpoenas were received in chief Allan Madroño for RRM, Steve Inaki Calabang for Maxis, Placido Placido for Playboy, Jeff Eric-Garcia for Playboys, Emilio Fernandez for Sigard, Joe Baldo for Taro, and the Hiram editors, and general and circulation managers.

They were charged with violation of articles 206 and 201 of the Revised Penal Code and Manila City Ordinance No. 1780 on pornography.

The charges were filed by a group of pastors, including Rep. Benigno Abano of Manila's District 19, and 11 other members of the legislative opposition like Baldo.

History

Abano described their move as "historic," saying it was the first time a group of legislators filed a complaint against large publishing companies like Lumen and ABS-CBN for allegedly obscene products.

He said these charges could force his members' 1-year impeachment and find RRM if found guilty of violating the city ordinance.

The complainants said the publications, from September 2007 to July 2008, showed "obscene and indecent pictures" that show, depict or describe such as sexual abuse, sexual acts, sexual intercourse, private parts, with no educational or artistic value, but intended to cause lust and sexual gratification.

"We do not want to see any more of these in the bookstore or newsstands," said Abano.

"If we are able to close printing presses publishing these kinds of materials, if we are able to stop all international porn magazines coming to the country, we have done very good work in this country," he said.

Blamed

When public foreign magazines, he said, might not find their way into local newsstands if they did not put an end to "indecent" local versions.

Abano blamed the publication for the reported increase in sex crimes among the youth.

Church offering included fetus

By Kristine L. Alano

A PRAYER BY A CHURCH in Manila was charged to find a fetus inside a jar hidden in a basket of flowers offered during the Sunday morning Mass.

Manoan Grego Sison, president of the Manila Archdiocese Parochial Board Association, said he was convinced that the basket brought to the altar contained a ghostly gift.

In an interview with Radio Veritas, Sison said the basket was offered in the 5 a.m. Sunday Mass at the Manila Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood.

The priest said he was shocked to discover that the basket of this he brought home contained a small jar with a fetus inside.

"It looked like about month old fetus. It had hands and feet. There was a cross inside the basket," he said.

Just there was a cross inside the basket, yes," he said.

The small jar, he said, was found under various flowers of flowers.

Sison said he brought the jar back to the Our Lady Church where he believed it. Then he learned a church staff member in Ivery the Son in the La Loma Cemetery, where there is a lot of children and he allowed it to be.

The priest said they could not identify who brought the basket to the church, saying it was already there when the Mass was going on.

At the same time, Sison called on parents to cooperate with the church in preventing such an incident.

He said he was the father of a child who was born in the hospital and he was the father of a child who was born in the hospital.

Too independent-minded to become customs chief

WHO IS THIS LUCAS POLITAN who demands a cut of 50 percent from all the "tourist" collections?

Police provincial director is complaining that the politician demands 50 percent when he doesn't need it because he's very rich.

"Something else, Ma'am (his wife), a provincial director said."

A Court of Appeals Justice does not command respect from below politicians. Many assume him of being a hardass.

But nobody has dared come out to denounce him, leaving him alone.

The justice was allegedly responsible for the closure of a school in his province when he was still a practicing lawyer.

I was in Tarlac City during his tenure in June '91.

Two groups celebrated the same issue. The city government and the provincial government.

Both groups held separate parties.

Businessmen were alarmed by the quarrel between the city and province in the issue celebration, as both groups celebrated different dates for business celebration.

"We were divided into," said a local businessman.

I also noticed the face of Senator Fernandez, chair of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), in many posters in the city's strategic places.

Like the poster in Metro Manila, Fernandez exhibits the fierceness to have discipline.

Of course, Fernandez also greeted the residents on their 50th celebration.

ON TARGET

KENNETH FAY



The guy is really smart for a politician in 2010.

Two more competitors in the list of President Gloria's challenge to the US and they didn't go.

One is a jump-start Rep. Nene Tenebreros, chair of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), in many posters in the city's strategic places.

"May we inform you that the trip, in fact, he never left the Philippines during the time of his trip," said a local businessman, who said he was in the Philippines during the time of his trip.

Abano said he cancelled his US trip because he had to return to the needs of his constituents.

and members of his personal staff of which he is bishop.

I'd like to thank Immigration Commissioner Marcelo Libano for catching the red lines, upon my request, at the airport national Lumen Tower.

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METROBRIEFS

Off limits to students

STRICTLY banning students from Metro Manila's city streets during school hours is the new policy of the city government, Manila Mayor Lito Lardizabal said.

The new policy is aimed at ensuring the safety of students and reducing the number of accidents involving school children. Lardizabal said the policy will be implemented immediately and that parents should be encouraged to monitor their children's whereabouts during school hours.

Joseph C. Martinez

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The World

Editor Laurence R. Green

Deadliest suicide attack in Kabul kills 40

KABUL—A SUICIDE BOMBER RAMMED AN EXPLOSIVE-FILLED car into the gates of the Indian Embassy in Afghanistan on Monday, killing more than 40 people including four Indian nationals, officials said.

The blast at the heart of Kabul stunned Indians and shocked India outside the embassy of India, one of Afghanistan's members after its rise from an increasingly bloody Taliban insurgency.

A spokesman for the Indian embassy in Kabul said the Indian ambassador Jayan

Prasad, who was not hurt in the attack, conferred to AFP reports that four Indian nationals were among the dead.

The Indian foreign ministry in New Delhi said at least 40 people, including four Indian passport holders, were killed in the attack. The ministry said that the Indian ambassador said that a total of 40 people were killed in the attack.

"We are working to identify," a senior embassy official said, "the names of the victims." The embassy has been hit by a suicide bomber in the past.

Reports were held back from the news that an AFP correspondent saw a crowd of rubble at the gate of the building, which was the Indian ministry.

The powerful explosion could have been a plot to kill the Indian ambassador. The blast was the deadliest in the city since it was taken over by the Taliban in 2001.

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have been killed," Indian ministry spokesman Vajid Mirza said after the attack.

"When this happened, security officials, have been killed," he continued, as an AFP reporter reported that 10 Afghan police officers in charge of the area were among the dead and wounded, he said.

Health ministry spokesman Abdulhadi Shari said another 20 people were injured in the attack, including four Indian.

Foreign Office spokesman said that the attack was the deadliest in the city since it was taken over by the Taliban in 2001.

"The victims of Afghanistan and India's relationship were among the victims of this attack," Indian officials said.

India has provided significant support to Afghanistan's efforts to restore order after the fall of the Taliban, and has been a major contributor to the UN-led mission in 1990s and 2000s.

24 years later, toxic waste plagues Bhopal

BHOPAL, INDIA—THE DESTRUCTION of toxic waste in Bhopal, India, is a stark reminder of the dangers of industrial waste.

The toxic waste has been put to rest in a secure site. The site is a stark reminder of the dangers of industrial waste.

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JK AND 'PESKY' JUNIOR

In the May 12, 1961, photo, US President John F. Kennedy holds out a pencil toward his 18-month-old son John Jr., who is in a suit and tie. The photo was taken in the White House. The photo was taken in the White House.

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In Pakistan, 19 killed after suicide bombing near Red Mosque

ISLAMABAD—PESHAWAR INVESTIGATORs after a suicide bombing that killed 19 people near a mosque near the Red Mosque in Islamabad.

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launched after the 9/11 attacks on the United States, drawing the bombing area "beyond all violence."

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Brown calls on Britons to cut food wastage

LONDON—BRITAIN'S CHIEF SECRETARY, Lord Brown, has called on Britons to cut food wastage.

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G-8 summit opens with focus on Africa, food crisis

REUTERS, JAPAN, AND FOR Africa—The G-8 summit is set to open in Japan, with a focus on Africa and the food crisis.

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Australian Catholic abuse victims want apology from Pope

MELBOURNE—VICTIMS OF SEXUAL abuse in Australia want an apology from Pope Benedict XVI.

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CHETAN PRYDE: Possible Governor of Rajasthan in a pose during the Election Commission's meeting with the Prime Minister, New Delhi, on June 28, 2008.



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All-time high despite heavy BSP selling to defend peso

By **Doris C. Buntan**

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS' FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES surged to a new record high of \$36.7 billion in end-June despite the central bank's heavy unloading of dollars to stem the peso's sharp depreciation during the last three months.

The country's gross international reserves rose up by \$500 million in June from \$36.2 billion in end-May, narrowly beating the previous all-time high of \$36.6 billion recorded in end-March.

"The increase in reserves was attributed mainly to the deposit by Power Sector Accounts in the last three months,"



PNB allots P6B for China expansion

TORONTO, CANADA: LUCKY DAYS BANKING, a Philippine National Bank (PNB) subsidiary, is set to launch a new branch network in China. PNB first senior vice president Antonio Hernandez, who heads the bank's overseas banking operations, said a PNB-based full banking subsidiary in China, PNB Commercial Bank, was one of the first banks given the license to expand all over the mainland.

"There's more an approval to increase capital. It has to reach 1 billion yuan and all of that, it can start branch expansion even before the inspection," Hernandez said. PNB Commercial Bank, which is set to launch a new branch network in China, PNB Commercial Bank, was one of the first banks given the license to expand all over the mainland.

"The prospect there is the global market," Hernandez said. **Doris C. Buntan**

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GMA 7 posts 5-month net profit of P879M

By Elizabeth Handline Larson

COMA NETWORK INC. REPORTED a 6 percent increase in net profit for the first five months to \$177 million from \$162 million a year ago.

In a statement, EMA said pre-revenue as of May was 3-percent higher at \$9.84 billion from \$9.5 billion last year. Television ad revenue rose \$115 million to \$4.22 billion from \$4.10 billion.

QTE EMA's first financial earnings mainly on women, posted a positive performance for the period due to the success of the media

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under the "Personnel" label.

Revenue from international operations increased a 24-percent jump from last year due to the growth in sales of its UBSA Policy TV and Life TV's 175,000 from 140,000 last year.

Excluding the effect of political ads, gross revenue and net income would have grown 17 percent and 61 percent, respectively.

Cost of sales has been reduced 4 percent to \$9.4 million during the period. Channel 7 production and sales increases increased 1 percent. Aside from the effect of inflation, the increase was due to the

introduction of a game dove in the early postwar period, which resulted in a mixed success.

The increase was somewhat offset by the decline in production cost for QTV as in-house programs were replaced by less expensive off-air purchases or owned programs.

Advertising and promotion went up 45 percent due to higher spending for promotional activities relating to Disney TV and regional operations. Research and survey also went up by 27 percent, while marketing and transportation expenses increased 71 percent and 41 percent, respectively.

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more than \$400 billion in assets over the next few years and then down, keeping the most profitable parts of the business. Merrill Lynch owns 49 percent of BlackRock and 29 percent of Bancroft. With so many banks and brokers willing to sell, buyers will be scarce and offer lower prices.

It will, perhaps be well known to older oil price watchers, that in a corner of East Africa, dominated by Britain, there has been a dramatic increase in the building of oil refineries and large storage facilities. This is not surprising when one considers the problems of the British Empire, and the fact that the British Empire is still a major power in the world. The British Empire is still a major power in the world. The British Empire is still a major power in the world.

But would it be a success? It will probably take 18 years or more before additional supplies would come to the market. To appease the skeptics, he is trying to push through the Governor's Fuel Oil Stabilization Act, which would freeze the amount of money investors would have to pay if fuel is 7-7 percent to 25 percent.

That would definitely drive speculators from fuel if has to be implemented nationwide or the speculators will simply operate in other markets.

European markets were weak, as banks resumed their decline after a downgrade by Citigroup. Steve Goldstein says that European banks will have to raise \$60 billion more, about \$100-125 billion. All European indices declined on fears of tighter fiscal discipline. But, the European Central Bank raised its benchmark rate to 4.25 percent from 4 percent.

It is interesting to compare Europe and the UK with the US. All countries have the same problems, falling house prices leading to bankruptcies, huge losses and wage cuts in the

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2005	15.0
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2015	17.0
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eris and Liabilities Management (OPALM) as well as the Bangkok Securities Trade in Investments Board, from foreign financial counterpart evaluation gains," EBF Executive A. Sengsriyit said.

"The overall U.S. real rate on assets of imports of goods and services and income," Heston says.

It was also equivalent to 5.1 in the century's first economic decade but fell to original measure and 2.9 more by 1980.

Source: www.fred.stlouisfed.org

The CBR is a key indicator of a country's ability to cover the foreign exchange requirements of its economy, excluding central bank's gross foreign currency holdings, gold reserves, foreign assets and special drawing rights from the national reserves fund.

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BUSINESS

RP rice stock hit 2.21M MT as of June 1, DA says

By Amy R. Rosco

Inventory up 35.6% from 2007 level, good for 67 days

THE COUNTRY'S RICE INVENTORY reached 2.21 million metric tons as of June 1, which should be enough to last 67 days,

according to a Bureau of Agricultural Statistics report, the first week saw 35.6 percent more than the year-ago level of 1,629 million tons, but 2.5 percent below the previous month's level of 2,269 million tons.

Of the inventory as of June 1, milled stocks accounted for 1.1 million tons, which

is good for 59 days.

This volume, however, is 77.1 percent lower than the previous month's 1.75 million tons.

Stocks in commercial warehouses also declined by 6.3 percent to 108,800 tons compared to previous month's 116,500 tons.

However, compared to year-ago levels, the stock in warehouses and commercial warehouses rose by 0.5 percent and 33.3 percent, respectively.

The biggest increase was seen in the inventory of the National Food Authority, which reached 775,700 tons as of June 1.

This is 201 percent higher than the year-ago level of 254,000 tons and 22 percent more than the previous month's 587,000 tons.

The NFA stock, of which 57 percent comes from abroad, is enough for 34 days.

As of last month, the Philippines consumed 2.3 million

tons of rice from its suppliers, namely Vietnam, Thailand, Pakistan and the United States.

Of this volume, 1.7 million tons were bought through rice traders held early this year and the remaining 100,000 tons were procured through a government-to-government deal with Vietnam.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Tugade said that the Philippines government continued to be "in a state of constant negotiation"

with all its rice suppliers, as it seeks to ensure the possibility of increasing rice imports for the year to compensate of more supplies.

"There is open talks with all suppliers. We're actively looking and preparing for this year, but also for next year and 2010 to ensure continuity with our suppliers as well as monitor prices and international purchasing," Tugade said.

In an interview, Tugade said the government is currently waiting for a final proposal from the Japanese counterpart, as negotiations were still on "second round, with nothing definite yet."

"We have not signed anything yet. It is all, at the moment, a discussion with the Japanese government to get an agreement deal with one and the Japanese minister of agriculture as negotiator," he added.

Japan had earlier offered to supply the country 10,000 tons of long-grain white rice and 100,000 tons of medium-grain rice.

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99 percent of people who lost more than 70 lbs and maintained it for over six years didn't use high-protein and high-fat diets. They ate more carbs.

By Mark Falgout
Contributor

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BLAME CARBS
 (You don't lose weight that fast, but) a recommended amount of carbohydrates based on your goals, activity level and weight will result in effective weight loss, faster than a popular low-carb, high-protein diet.

Long-term weight control should include proper eating and appropriate physical activity. It also is effective if it is low-fat, low-weight loss results, enhanced physical performance, or leaves you satisfied and improves your health.

Control the calories
 A common misconception about losing weight is, if you deplete yourself of carbohydrates during the day you lose weight rapidly.

According to the National Weight Registry, 98 percent of people who lost more than 70 lbs and maintained it for over six years did not eat high-protein and high-fat diets. They ate more carbs. The participants' ability to maintain their weight can be attributed to a well-balanced diet and physical activity.

But still consider the amount of carbohydrates, protein and fat you take in a balanced diet. Lending health and nutrition to previous research, 50 to 60 percent carbohydrates, 20 to 25 percent protein and 20 to 25 percent fat. Required total calories differ depending on your activity level, current weight and height and weight loss goal.

If you deplete yourself of calories from carbohydrates, you limit your physical performance; you don't have enough energy to move.

Carbohydrates such as rice, pasta, whole grains and bread are the body's main source of energy. You cannot lose an activity if you stick to a low-carb, high-protein or even high-fat diet.

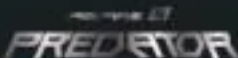
According to Robert Ross, a world-renowned nutritionist and author of the book "Eat to Win for the 21st Century," the most scientifically safe and effective way to lose more body fat is to follow a high-carbohydrate diet. Low in fat, with five to six hours of exercise.

A recent study at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond proves that long-term weight maintenance depends on one's ability to feel full and satisfied so he/she can control carbohydrate cravings. Subjects on a strict low-carb diet

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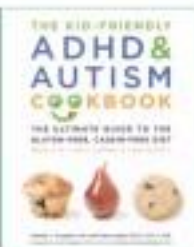
IT TAKES SPECIAL ATTENTION and strategy to ensure that proper nutrition is given children, who happen to be picky eaters, or are grappling with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

There is a book written by children with various learning and developmental challenges.

The Kid-Friendly ADHD & Autism Cookbook—The Ultimate Guide to the Gluten-Free, Casein-Free Diet" by Dr. Pamela Crook and Dana Lake shows down myths and helps the reader understand the situation faced by children with, by law, strong and less resilient kids affected with ASD or ADHD.

Because a healthy diet and good nutrition are important in their healing and recovery the book serves as guide to providing a specialized diet while decreasing the kids' intake of what can be potentially problematic food for kids.

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especially for animals at GDFW-affiliated facilities or those whose manufactured vehicle titles expire.

Unlike other guides on sale in paperback, *"The Kid-Friendly A-Z & Autumn Cookbook: The Ultimate Guide to the Ghost Fest, Candy-Free Diet"* explains why and how diet changes may help the at-risk child's brain and body function.

There are useful suggestions on how to begin and maintain a specialized diet, quick-and-easy-to-prepare recipes for patients in the gross hand/foot malodors, and

The recipes are free of multiple offending foods, use just gluten and casein. Casein is the main protein found in milk products and found in non-milk products too, while gluten is protein found in wheat and other grains.

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Fashionista muscles her way into powerlifting

She could lift a sack of rice wearing four-inch heels, if she wanted to



BEATY Qian during workout
 (Photo by Phil Daily Inquirer)



By Anne R. Jaramba

THIS PETITE FASHIONISTA could lift a sack of rice—wearing four-inch heels. Now, if only retailers were made of sturdier stuff.

Beaty Qian, a powerlifter, could do more, in any heels, with 124 lbs of weight stacked over her shoulders. But that would hardly be done "hot."

"The heels would not be able to hold the pressure, and I would end up with injuries," Qian said, laughing.

The bodybuilder, owner of Selo and Hells, a fitness and fashion boutique, Qian is just as passionate about fashion as she is about lifting weights. To this day, the 2006 gold medalist in Master 1 category (56 kg class, benchpress) has managed to keep both worlds separate.

No one in the fashion circle knows this style better than a hardcore powerlifter. Sure, they might have guessed the number of two powerlifters like this, but they wouldn't have known she would even think she's a fashionista since she's usually in jeans and shorts borrowed from her sister.

"I go to the gym with my girl in jeans—to work out. For me, jeans are the only thing I wear and how I look. I just need to be comfortable," she said.

And comfortable she is in baggy jeans and shorts, the kind of clothes, she said, that gives her the freedom to move. And while she has been following the fashionistas down the road, she's also been the fashionista down the road. She's the only 100 lbs. for gym class and the only 100 lbs. for gym class. She's the most comfortable she's ever been.

Not your typical woman

Qian is not your typical woman. Always ahead of her time, she was already doing leg press in a summer class back when women were ordered to sit in the weight room. Now, she's moving only 50 to 60 lbs.



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Film congress

The Classics Film Congress 2009, a major event of the Classics Independent Film Festival and Congress, will be held on July 25-26 at the UCF Truett College Theatre.

The film congress will carry the theme "Inspiring the Future: The Promotion, Distribution and Exhibition of Independent Film."

Panel speakers include William Miller, MFA in Cinema, University of Texas at Austin; Richard Valenzuela, Film Director, Ed College; Howard Swanson, Film Director, Herd College; William Swanson, Film Director, Herd College; David Lee, Film Director, Herd College; David Lee, Film Director, Herd College; David Lee, Film Director, Herd College.

The congress will be held on July 25 with a lecture in Cinema Studies and a panel discussion "The Future of Film: The Promotion, Distribution and Exhibition of Independent Film." The film will be screened on July 26, live for the public, at the UCF Truett College Theatre (Downtown Theatre). Call 501-7930.

UP centennial play

In celebration of the centennial of the University of the Philippines, the UP Center for the Performing Arts (UPCPA) presents "Unbreakable Peking as King's Big Boss," directed by David Lee.

Stories of children who have been of their will be heard in the UPCPA's new series "Unbreakable Peking as King's Big Boss," directed by David Lee. The play opens on July 26 and will run until Aug. 19 at the UPCPA's new Theatre, located in the UP Center for the Performing Arts.

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Movie review 10

The Classics Film Festival is open to all college students who have seen all of the films submitted during the Classics Film Festival. Reviewers review in English or Filipino will be judged based on content and composition.

Three up winners will receive a cash prize of P10,000 (second prize) and P5,000 (third prize).

Deadline for submission of entries is on July 26. Call 883-4444 for info.

ABS-CBN wins suit

A Quezon City Regional Trial Court has ruled in favor of ABS-CBN Inc. against GMA Network Inc. against the latter's suit for injunction against ABS-CBN's use of the latter's name and likeness.

The court also dismissed the "injunctive" complaint by GMA Network Inc. against ABS-CBN's use of the latter's name and likeness. The court also dismissed the "injunctive" complaint by GMA Network Inc. against ABS-CBN's use of the latter's name and likeness.

In her decision, Judge Marlene Villonco said that GMA's complaint for injunction against ABS-CBN's use of the latter's name and likeness was dismissed.

RP's Powerpuff Girls

Cartoon Network celebrated the Powerpuff Girls' 10th anniversary through a nationwide search for the Philippine real-life Powerpuff Girls.

Called "10 Years of Saving the World: The Powerpuff Generation," the search culminated last month with the crowning of Gabriela Lopez, Joyce, and Joyce as the Philippine's Blossom, Bubbles, and Buttercup, respectively, in an awards gala held at SM Mall of Asia. The winners will join the rest of the Powerpuff Girls in the Philippine's Blossom, Bubbles, and Buttercup.

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